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BREEDEN INDICTED FOR LYING TO INVESTIGATORS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a former inmate of the Missouri Department of Corrections was indicted by a federal grand jury today for lying to federal investigators about allegations that he threatened a federal judge.

Gregory W. Breeden, 58, formerly an inmate at the Tipton Correctional Center, was originally charged with threatening a federal judge in a Nov. 29, 2004, federal indictment. Today's superseding indictment, returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield, retains the original charge but includes an additional count of making a false material statement. This superseding indictment replaces the original indictment. **Breeden** is being held in federal custody and all pretrial court hearings are being scheduled in Springfield. His trial will be held in Jefferson City.

Today's indictment alleges that, on Sept. 21, 2004, **Breeden** told an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he had never threatened U.S. Magistrate Judge William A. Knox and that he had never made any threats against Knox or any Missouri Department of Corrections employees that were overheard by another individual. The indictment alleges that **Breeden's** statement to the FBI agent was false.

The indictment also contains the original allegation that **Breeden** threatened on Aug. 17, 2004, to assault Knox. According to the indictment, **Breeden** intended to retaliate against Knox on account of the performance of his official duties. **Breeden** allegedly threatened to strangle Knox.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence E. Miller. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Missouri Department of Corrections.

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